

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

There are no formal matters outstanding.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that claims 2-4, 8-10, 12-14, 17, and 19-22 have been indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 1 and 5 have been amended to include the recitation from claim 8, which is believed to form the basis of claim 8 being allowable. Allowance of claims 1 and 5 is therefore solicited.

Claim 15 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 17. Allowable claim 19 has been amended to include the recitations of base claim 15. Allowance of these claims is solicited.

Allowable claims 20-21 have been amended to include the recitations of base claim 1. Allowance of these claims is solicited.

Claim 11 stands rejected as obvious over JP 09-83013 in view of Shibata 5,309,018.

Claim 11 has been amended to recite a semiconductor device (see e.g., Figure 5E and 7B) comprising i) a pair of element loading portions (13a, 13b) loaded with semiconductor elements (17, 18) and positioned one above the other within a light-transmitting resin (20), ii) seal resin (21) sealing said

pair of element loading portions within the light-transmitting resin, and iii) leads (14) connected to a respective semiconductor element being exposed on said seal resin, wherein one of said pair of element loading portions is unbent within the light-transmitting resin (the lower loading portion 13b within resin 20 is unbent).

The feature of one of the element loading portions being unbent with the light-transmitting resin is not taught or suggested by the prior art. Accordingly, allowance of claim 11 is requested.

Applicants believe that all the claims are patentable. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested.

Please charge the fee of \$258 for the three extra independent claims added herewith, to Deposit Account No. 25-0120.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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